

In the Claims:

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1. (original) A method for producing bent snowmobile studs,  
the method comprising:

providing a stud having a head and substantially straight  
shank;

providing a head engagement member for holding the head  
relative to the shank;

providing a shank engagement member for contacting the  
shank, pivotally engaging said shank engagement member with said  
head engagement member;

engaging the stud head with the head engagement member;  
engaging the shank with the shank engagement member; and

mechanically moving the head engagement member and the shank  
engagement member with respect to one another such that the shank  
is bent.

*and removing said head engagement member and shank engagement member from said stud*  
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bent shank  
defines proximal and distal axes, the proximal and distal axes  
forming an angle between about 15° and 30°.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the proximal and  
distal axes form an angle between about 20° and 25°.